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Coaching An Uncertain Career

Appomattox is fortunate to have Gordon Bragg as coach of its high school teams. He coaches winning teams, but more than that: he trains our boys in the arts of life.

Coaching is an uncertain career. Marvin Bass has just resigned as head football coach at the College of William and Mary, after a scant six months in the position. Insecurity was given as the reason, although he turned out a winning team last fall. We know little of the situation at William and Mary, but we do know that many coaches hesitate to unpack and settle down. Lose a few important games and the cry goes up for a new coach.

Football has been overemphasized and some colleges realize it. Georgetown University has ceased to field a team. Other schools are cutting their athletic departments down to size.

It can be remarked that coaching is not alone as an uncertain career. Take the case of a farmer. He depends upon mother nature and the whims of the weather, upon insects and plant diseases, upon labor and upon markets and a dozen other uncertain factors to decide the success or failure of his toil and investment. The same applies to people in every walk of life. You are a hero today, a heel tomorrow. A football coach seeking security would be joined in his search by those in most any profession or trade you can name.

The young men who come under the guidance and training of a coach fare uncertainty, too. The youth of today knows not which way to look. Military service stares the young man in the face and everywhere he turns he finds uncertainty.

Those entrusted with training our youth merit our sympathy and understanding. In teaching youth to excell upon the field of sports, they are challenged at the same time to prepare our future citizens to excell in the arts and grace of living.

We began by mentioning our local coach. We would conclude by hoping that he feels security in his important position. True security is in a job well done, and A. H. S. is on the receiving end of that sort of job. We stuck with Gordon Bragg when his boys basketball team lost every game on its schedule. We will stick with him until he has a modern gymnasium: because he is making good boys into good citizens.

A Good Scout

(Christian Science Monitor)

A Brooklyn boy, Bernard M. Brodsky, has become an Eagle Scout at the age of 12, which makes him one of the youngest Scouts ever certified for that rating by the Boy Scouts of America. To become an Eagle Scout requires not only passing the basic scouting tests but qualifying also for 21 merit badges in specific subjects such as life saving, cooking, civics, bird study, handicraft and athletics.

One of the best features of young "Bernie's" accomplishment is his comment: "It was not so much the rank of Eagle Scout that I worked for. It was the knowledge I had to acquire in order to get the different badges which made the Eagle Scout rank so important to me." That attitude is to be commended in many other activities.

The Elizabethan Era

(From The New York Times)

The history of our times could provide no more fitting symbol than the voice of Winston Churchill calling for all the world to hear: "God save the Queen!" His valedictory to George VI, ... his expression of friendly sorrow for the widow and mother of the dead King, his wishes for the new Queen, were words spoken in behalf of many millions in many lands. But that Churchill should have spoken them, Churchill who fought for Queen Victoria in India and Africa, who served under two Edwards and two Georges as a Minister of the Crown, who led his country to victory in the Second World War—this was the voice of history itself!

Today other words will be pronounced, the sonorous words of the Privy Council proclaiming the sovereignity of Elizabeth II. So an era will end in Britain, and a new one will begin. The popular recognition of this fact everywhere is based on a sure instinct. The change in Elizabeth's title is not too significant. Instead of "Empress of India" she will be "Head of the Commonwealth,' a formula evolved to permit India to become a "free and sovereign republic" and still remain within the Commonwealth. Ireland is gone, of course, but Elizabeth will be Queen of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan and Ceylon and of many colonies. Even today the sun never sets on the empire over which the British sovereign holds nominal sway.

Yet a new era begins. We know it because Elizabeth is young and because Great Britain has to find a new place in the sun. Her old greatness is gone—the greatness that Elizabeth I founded and that reached its height three centuries later under Victoria. The Navy that beat the Spaniards and the Dutch and the French, and then ruled the waves, is no longer dominant. The colonies that once were possesions are now independent Dominions. The pattern of trade that made England a colossus in a world of pygmies—drawing the cheap raw materials and food from the New World and the East, sending back manufactured goods, investing surplus profits, transporting, insuring, banking for the whole world—these great days for England are gone.

A new way must be found, a new path to tread, and it is in Elizabeth's reign that the answer must come. Already one can see it shaping up in the transformation of the Empire into the Commonwealth, a unique world-wide confederation of free and sovereign nations. Perhaps we can see it, too, in the groping toward social justice under a free society which has already turned England into the most egalitarian state known to history. One cannot say that the British Welfare State, as many call it, has yet proved a success, but it will be precisely in Elizabeth's reign that the answer will come. It must, of course, come in years of peace; there are no answers for war, in Britain or anywhere else.

This day is a fitting occasion for American to recall the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson in his famous speech in Manchester more than a century ago, when the situation of England was strikingly similar to that of today:

And so, gentlemen (he said) I feel in regard to this aged England, with the possessions, honors and trophies, and also with the infirmities of a thousand years gathering around her, irretrievably committed as she is to many old customs which cannot be suddenly changed; pressed upon by the transitions of trade and new and all incalculable modes, fabrics, arts, machines and competing populations—I see her not dispirited, not weak, but remembering that she has seen dark days before —indeed with a kind of instinct that she sees a little better on a cloudy day, and that in storm of battle and calamnity she has a secret vigor and a pulse like a cannon. I see her in her old age, not decrepit, but young and still daring to believe in her power of endurance and expansion.

One heard the echo of this faith in the words of Churchill yesterday, as we will hear it again in the fresh young voice of Elizabeth during the years ahead.

Fast Work

(From: Washington Post)

Those who are already tiring of their new Christmas television sets may be depressed at some of the news from the science front. Rocket travel to the moon will probably be delayed until the next century, despite Maj. Alexander de Seversky's recent prediction of a 3 1-2 hour trip there within the next 50 years. Because of the expense, the family helicopter is still a long way off. And unless one has from $5,000 to $10,000 to pay for the privilege it will not soon be possible to see one's friends over the telephone. Thus it looks as if Americans aren't going places or seeing each other as fast as had been hoped.

However, progress will not be stayed entirely. Reported in the offing are a telephone in the family motor car, and attendance at conventions—of Republicans, Democrats, Shriners, Elks, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Hereford breeders, washing machine manufacturers —in armchair via video. Even more exciting is the promise of cross - continental travel by vacuum tube or tunnel in an airtight vehicle. Who cares if the trip to the moon is off? Think of getting from San Francisco to Washington in an hour! Holding that conference with government or business bigwig on the noon hour, instead of having to take a plane and wait until tomorrow! Getting to the guy before he zips off by tube somewhere else! Talking to him about—well, anyway a lot of things in the world ought to get straightened out once people can cross the continent in an hour.

What They Say . . .

A democratic government is only as strong as the alert conscience of its people. —Sen. Chas. W. Tobey.

Disarmament . . is a small guarantee of lasting peace if it is not accompanied by abolition of hatred, greed and lust for prestige. —Pope Pius XII.

Great men know how to take orders. Weaklings whine and grumble about them. —Felix Vondracek.

Divorce is hash made of domestic scraps. —Outdoor Indiana.

Treat everybody with politeness, even those who are rude to you. Remember that you show courtesy to others not because they are gentlemen, but because you are one. —Optimist.

The things that wrong with the country today are the sum total of all the things that are wrong with us as individuals. —Sen. Chas. W. Tobey.

Next to being young and pretty, the best bet is to be old and rich. —Wm. Feather.

It seems to us that you are getting too big for your breeches. —Rear Admiral R. E. Libby, UN truce negotiator to N. Korea delegate.

Marshall Said It All

(Selected)

Karl Marx, the intellectual father of communism, devised a ten-plank platform whereby, he believed, the capitalistic or free enterprise economic system, with its right of private ownership of property, could be destroyed. Two of these planks dealt with taxation and ran as follows: 1.A heavy progressive or graduated income tax. 2. Abolition of all right of inheritance—that is, a 100 per cent inheritance tax.

We have not reached the entire communist objective, but we have gone an ominously long way along the road. Today the tax on individual incomes runs to a high of 92 per cent—and its minimum is 22.2 per cent on incomes of not over $2,000. The corporation tax is 52 per cent, to which 30 per cent is added for so-called "excess profits." And the inheritance taxes are very steep.

Destruction of free enterprise and truly representative g overnment can be accomplished by drying up the economic resources that maintain them. John Marshall said it all when he said that the power to tax is the power to destroy.

Homemaking Suggestions

Buy eggs according to how you're going to use them.

Poultry marketing specialists at VPI say top quality eggs, such as Grade AA or Grade A, are best for cooking in the shell, for poaching or frying. Lower quality eggs, such as Grade B, are satisfatory for use in making puddings, cakes, and other desserts.

Other egg facts: A fresh egg has a thick, clear, upstanding white and a firm yolk that stands high. The yolk can be either a deep yellow or a lighter yellow, depending on the kind of feed the hen has been fed.

The shell can be white or brown; there is no difference in the nutritive value of white-shelled or brown-shelled eggs.

The internal quality (IQ) of an egg is not affected by its size. It is as possible to have top quality Grade A Small eggs as top quality Grade A Large eggs. The grade of an egg depends on its interior quality, and is detegmined by candling. The size is determined by weighing the egg. Large eggs should weigh 24 ounces per dozen, or better; medium, 21 ounces; and small, 18 ounces.

After buying eggs, keep them cool to maintain quality. The refrigerator is the best storage place. Cover eggs to keep them from absorbing odors of other foods.

British to new High Commissioner pledges Malayan home rule.

Duke of Windsor in England for King's funeral.

Top Dressing Aids Produc

Top-dressing small grains with nitrogen is one way Virginia farmers can assure expanded feed production.

W. W. Lewis, Extension agronomist at VPI, says, where economical in 1952, every farmer with livestock should produce enough feed for the livestock on his farm.

Lewis suggests top-dressing between February 1 and March 15 with 16 to 40 pounds of nitrogen if lodging is not to be expected. On thin land and light sandy soils, a top-dressing with 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen should be used. Tests have shown that small grain will get the full benefit of nitrogen top-dressed after March 1.

Lewis also suggests the planting of winter oats by February 1 as the last safe date.

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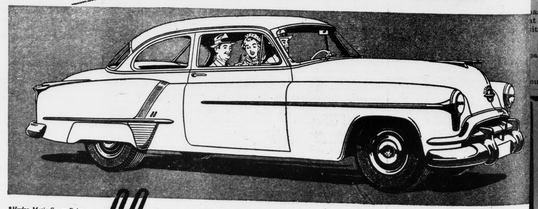
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Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 13—We are so glad to see the pretty weather and the roads are all getting good once more.

We are glad to say all the sick folks hope are getting better. Hope they will all soon be out again.

Mrs. Bertha Wheeler and Arlene Wood spent the week-end in Richmond with Miss Betsy Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephensen, Jr., and daughter, Janet Anne, have returned to their home in Portsmouth after spending a week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dashard and son and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and daughter, Linda, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore at Beck with.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and family

Rev. F. J. Wingfield preached at Bethel Church last Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Chick visited his sister, Mrs. Lillie Drinkard, last Saturday afternoon. Glad to say she is home and feeling real well.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence visited their parents on Sunday. Mr. Beard's mother is on the sick list again sorry to renort.

Mrs. Alex Cyrus and Mrs. H. F. Wood were shoppers in Lynchburg last Saturday evening.

Relatives of Mr. Eugene Chick have received word that he is feeling better. We hope he will soon be well and return to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cyrus visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson on Saturday night

Mrs. John Watson and son are visiting her mother, Mrs. Lula Taylor, who is on the sick list. Again we hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Hugh Bradford and Mr. John Harrison spent the week-end in Pennsylvania.

Concord

Concord, Feb. 9.- Hugh Holt has accepted a position in Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Callahan received word this week that their son, Dan Callahan had arrived in Tokyo.

Mrs. Joe Vaden, of Emporia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas.

Mrs. Burton Crews is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Crews and daughter, Brenda, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wooldridge recently.

Mrs. Dan Callahan is visiting her sister in Lynchburg.

Mrs. O. L. Martin returned home Thursday from Dayton, Ohio, where she had been at the bedside of her grandson, Martin Powell, who continues ill.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Feb. 14—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Day and son, Sr., and Mr. Sam Harris visited in the home of Mrs. L. E. Reynolds Sunday. Also Mr. Jessie Harris was in the same home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Arthurs and son, Jr., and Mrs. J. A. McCann motored to Richmond over the week-end

Mr. Jesse F. Arthurs, Sr., who has been attending technical school at Fishersville, Va., has taken a position at Grinels Motor Co.

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Richwood

Richwood, Feb. 13—"Cowards die many times before their death, the valiant never taste of death but once."—Quoted

Devine services at Central Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Earl Williams was taken to a Lynchburg hospital Monday.

Mr. John Moore is ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and E. R. Davis of Lynchburg were the dinner guests of Mr and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Sunday.

Miss Val Brannan was the dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis.

Mrs. Henry Fleshman spent Thursday night with Mrs. T. T. Woolridge and daughter Marvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paulette and children of Brookneal visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey over the week-end.

W. D. Harvey was in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Mrs. J. H Fleshman was the guest for a few days last week with Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Gladstone

Gladstone, Feb. 9—Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Payne and children have returned from a visit at Warminster.

E. Cabell Christian was a visitor in Lynchburg and Appomattox on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Walton visited here Thursday.

The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Dailey, of Tye River visited here Thursday.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Feb. 13—Miss Jackie Coleman and Mrs. Doc Harris are patients at hospitals in Lynchburg. Others ill are Miss Mildred Thornhill, Miss Edna Meggerson, Mrs. Sam Thornhill and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds. We hope for them a speedy rerovery.

Mrs. Jessie Harvey ,Jr., and daughter were visitors Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Marvin Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guill and children of Norfolk spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett. Mrs. Garrett accompanied her daughter home for a week visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carter Sunday.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds were Mrs. Florehe Phelps, Miss Cottelle Phelps and Miss Avis Hart.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson Friday night

The Vera P-T.A. held its regular monthly meeting at the school January 31. Round-table discussion was led by the Rev. J. P. Leitner, Mrs. Tommy Harvey, Mrs. Wilson Scruggs and Mrs. Paul Thornhill. Mrs. Sue Childers had a contest for which a prize was given. Refreshments were served.

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Route One

Route One, Feb. 13—Mrs. W. R. Arrington is ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie O'Cull have returned from a trip to Washington.

Mrs. Mike Johnson and Mrs. Jessie Marshall were hostess on Wednesday to the Glendale Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Henry Fleshman is back home after a minor operation in Lynchburg hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Driscoll and Mrs. Walter Coleman of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hudson Sunday. They all visited Mr. Wert Woodson who has been ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall, in Staunton Friday. They have been sick for some time.

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